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Ivy Cut to Combat Valley's Vermin

BY KRISTA CARLSON
NEWS EDITOR

Everyone at Valley College has seen the cats and friendly squirrels that make the campus their home, but there are other small animals on campus too — rats and mice.

"I'm not saying there is, but there may be a rodent infestation," Valley's head gardener Jack Epling said. "Ivy cutting is supposed to be done once a year, but it hasn't been done in years. It hasn't been done in such a long time that there's no record of when it was done last." Epling's worked at Valley since 1989 and said the ivy hasn't been trimmed in his tenure.

Green West Gardening has recently removed ivy surrounding the administration building to curb the pests' presence. Valley contracted Green West Gardening to do the work for $2,000. The company also trimmed pine trees in parking lot C for $500.

Tom Jacobsmeyer, vice president of administrative services had inquired recently if the ivy was ever a problem. "I realized it needed to be done," Epling said. Jacobsmeyer hasn't heard any complaints of pests, but there are occasional sightings.

"They run across all the time," student Jonathan Bernath said. "They're out just about all the time. Usually I see them near the Behavioral Sciences building."

"I saw a big one," Lily Inatomi of administrative services said of a rat she saw running across the walk.

People can find rodents almost anywhere. They tend to inhabit protected areas like attics, substructures, garages and overgrowths like trees, shrubs and groundcover. Rodents are not seasonal like insects.

"Rodents are pretty much all year round in a warm climate like Southern California," Epling said. "When you have a campus of this size you're bound to get a pest problem occasionally. Rodents are pests to people because they can carry disease, but mostly people are just scared of them."

Now that the work has been done, it's only a matter of time before it will have to be done again.

"The ivy does grow back, it's just like grass," Epling said. "It'll sprout back again and one of these days we'll have to do it all over again." When the ivy gets too impacted it needs to be cut. Aside from rats and mice —

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CAREER DAY - Army Recruiter Sgt. Aaron Michealian set up camp at valley to offer militaristic oppurtunities to Valley students.

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KEVIN CORTEZ FOR THE STAR

FLAG BURNING- Protesters burn the U.S. flag outside the Sunset Boulevard CNN building on Sunday.

One Week of War

BY KRISTA CARLSON
NEWS EDITOR

It's been seven days, hundreds of casualties, and $90 million dollars since the U.S. declared war on Iraq. The U.S. 'Shock and Awe' campaign has faced debate over its effectiveness. A top Iraqi military commander, his top deputy and thousands of troops surrendered Friday, yet Saddam and other Iraqi leaders vow to resist. Coalition leaders expect to fight a bloody battle for Baghdad.

Bush requested $74.7 billion from Congress Tuesday to fund the war. This budget would span only until Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year and cover no war costs beyond that date. The scale and length of the war have been intensely debated. Coalition forces fired $15 million worth of bombs and missiles on Iraq in the initial phase of the attack, and an additional $75 million in following days, totaling $90 million.

"This will be a campaign unlike any other in history," U.S. General Tommy Franks said.

The U.S. 3rd infantry division occupies Umm Qasr, gaining control of a key bridge across the Euphrates River. Troops have also taken Nasiriyah and plan to skirt Basra while pressing towards Baghdad.

The coalition took 3,500 Iraqi POWs by Tuesday, according to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfield. Iraqis have taken at least 10 Americans as POWs. Over the last two days, the 3rd division has killed 500 Iraqi fighters according to Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Preston.

"The campaign could be longer and more difficult than some predicted," Bush said Saturday.

Citizens have protested the war throughout the United States each day. Police have arrested thousands nation-wide including 12 demonstrators at the Academy Awards Sunday.

"Once we've committed ourselves to this action we must

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Anti War Club Lacks Support

BY KRISTA CARLSON
NEWS EDITOR

Two student activists on campus have crossed tracks in efforts to form a club to raise awareness about the war in Iraq and other political issues. Katie Muravez and Noelle Halter are both students of sociology professor Michael Vivian, who will be the club's sponsor, once it's formed.

"I wanted to have a group that acted as a forum for addressing political issues," Muravez said. "I want to cover sweatshops, the college budget, and the war."

Vivian referred Muravez to Halter, saying the club she wished to form held similar goals as the Activist Collective Halter was trying to get off the ground.

"I've been organizing more of an off-campus group because I only have eight and a half units and I think you need nine," Halter said. Halter's not sure when she and others can form the club, but she's working on the constitution and trying to get the 10 members she needs. "I'm the only member of my group that goes to Valley."

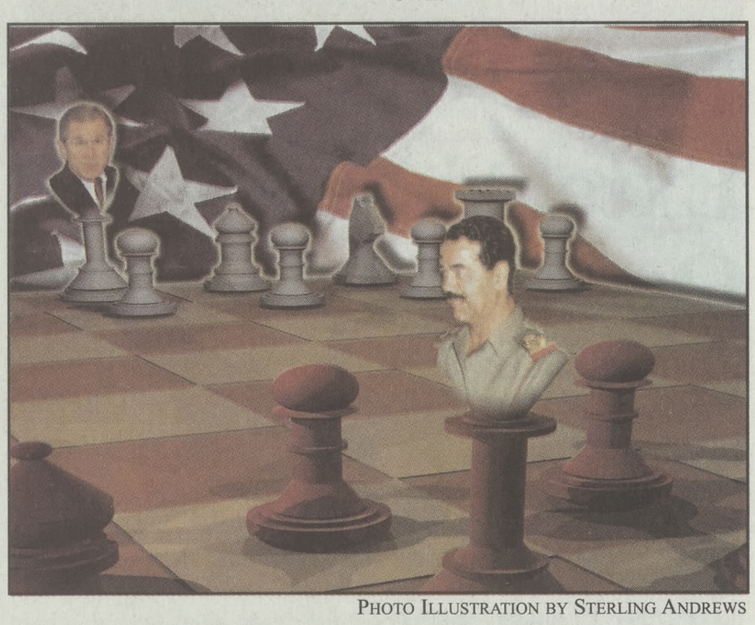
Despite the passion many anti-war demonstrators have displayed, progress is slow and contact between the two has been minimal until recently.

"Mostly what we've been doing right now is putting out flyers," Halter said. "This is our main focus for now, the flyers are a good way to put out messages and get information to the people they haven't received from the media."

Halter wants to create promotional bonds between activist groups and musicians.

Halter sees the Activist Collective focusing on environmental concerns and animal and human rights. "Now our focus is primarily the war and informing people of peace rallies, especially the local ones," Halter said.

Vivian takes a laissez-faire stand. "Clubs on campus are made up of adults and they really don't need obsessive faculty members trying to run their business," Vivian said. "I've spent over half my life on campus and I'll be happy to offer them my advice about organizing events, but they're pretty much on their own."



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Reporter Kicked Out of Financial Aid Office

BY BEN JAURON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Financial aid staff recently called campus security to remove Valley Star staff writer Billie Jordan from the financial aid office.

"I was humilitated, it was embarrassing," Jordan said.

If an administration or faculty member asks a student to leave a room, Valley's code of conduct requires the student to do so, according to Valley President Tyree Wieder. Section 9803.10 of the student code of conduct says willful disobedience of college officials' directions while performing their duties can result in disciplinary measures.

What remains in question is whether financial aid staff asked Jordan to leave or not. Jordan said they didn't and financial aid director Barbara Ralston didn't respond to the incident after several attempts to contact her. Wieder added

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Budget Crisis Basics

BY SERENA DANIELS
STAFF WRITER

While students and faculty begin to understand how budget cuts will affect them, many aren't clear how the budget works and how it threatens Valley College's mission of providing affordable education.

A tuition increase and further reductions in classes and social services all seem inevitable in the next year. The falling stock market, the energy crisis and false assumptions about the next fiscal year all account for the slide in California's revenue and the community college system.

"This decline is, by far, the most dramatic loss of revenues California has experienced since World War II," Gov. Gray Davis said in the January budget summary. "This delay in the recovery of the national and state economies, and a tax structure heavily reliant on volatile revenues, have resulted in a budget shortfall in the current year and budget year totaling $34.6 billion."

The governor signed Senate Bill 18X March 18, which cut $90.2 million from categorical programs such as staff development in California community colleges. The bill, combined with projected cuts of $71.1 million is a significant improvement from the $288 million cuts he proposed in January, according to the Community College League of California. Currently, Valley's budget is about $42 million, $2.3 million less than last year's. Valley has a list of priorities for the budget. First, it must cover payroll and benefit expenses, utilities such as lights and landscaping, and contracting for professional assistance, such as printing. Administration uses what's left to pay student workers. A budget committee consisting of 25 administrators, faculty, staff and students meets monthly to make decisions about the current budget and to plan for next year's.

Valley's financial woes stem from a much larger crisis however, which could leave the entire state bankrupt, according to assembly member Keith Richman (R-Northridge).

"Two major banks are threatening to stop financing the state if the governor doesn't release a sound budget proposal by June," Richman said.

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A Soldier's Story

An ongoing series about the experiences of those touched by war

By Ryan Yudell and Jackie Conley
Staff Writers

In part one of the war series, political science professor Robert Pritchard shared one of his many near death experiences in the Korean War. He revealed how it felt to kill someone and how having served in the army gives him a sense of pride. We continue with this unforgettable story of one man in what society soon dubbed the "Forgotten War."

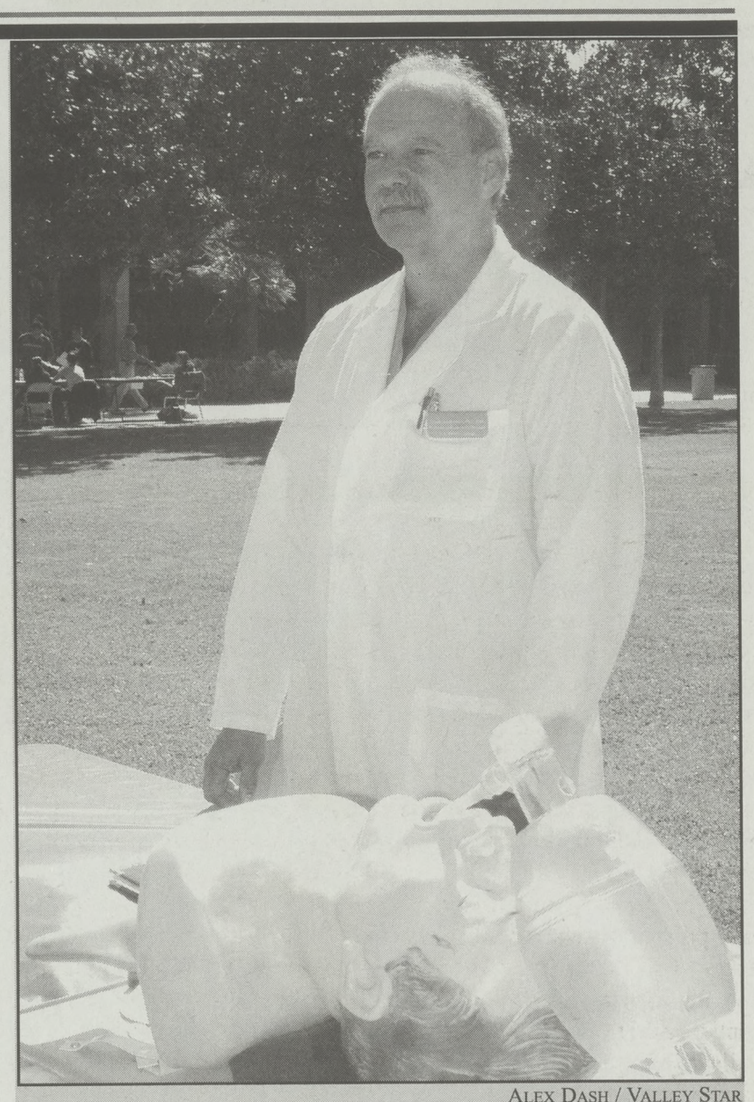
Q: You were wounded. Describe that day.
A: It was January 31st, it was wintertime, and it was cold. Nobody told us anything. In the middle of the afternoon they put us on trucks. Later we arrived at our location at night. We set up a perimeter defense. We jumped off early the next morning and walked about four or five miles. There's no parade in a combat area, you have to keep a distance between you and the next man. You have a man on point and men on the flanks. You're locked and loaded ready to use your weapon if you have to. We hit the main line of resistance, and when you cross that you're ready for action. We start going up the hill to the line of scrimmage, and as soon as we got up that hill we came under heavy fire from automatic weapons. People were going down. It was no heroic move on my part but somehow I was a little ahead of my platoon. I was firing all the way, then I actually saw the guy who shot me. He was in a pretty well-dug hole 16 to 20 yards away. This guy popped up, fired his gun, and I went down. It was with such velocity, it not only knocked me down, but it knocked me over a couple of times. There was a lot of pain. Right away my knee was swollen. You reach your hands down then you bring them up and see them covered with blood. Immediately you think "I'm bleeding to death!"

Q: What was your initial thought when you were shot?
A: "Hey I've been hit but I'm not dead." I knew because I had leg wounds, I wasn't hit in the gut or something like that.
When I was wounded, the first medical attention I got came from my platoon medic. My platoon medic did something I believed saved my life, he came out and dragged me down into a position where I had a little concealment and was just lying out there in the middle of a real firefight. Bullets were flying all over the place. Then they put two ponchos together and dragged me down a long steep hill to a jeep, where they took me to the battalion aid station. There they shot me with morphine to ease the pain. The next thing I knew, they put me on an airplane and flew me down to what I believed to be a Gymnasium where there were hundreds of wounded on the floor. They sorted wounded by those who are so badly wounded they were going to die, and those who were wounded but it was obvious they are going to survive. They would give the dying something to ease the pain. The ones they really worked on are the ones who are wounded but have a chance of living. I tell you that's been an experience stuck in my mind ever since. People were screaming with such agony.

Q: Do you remember the name of medic that pulled you down the hill?
A: Yes, his name was Howard Johnson, he was an African American guy from Kansas City, Mo. He was about 6"4, pretty skinny and a hell of a nice guy.

Q: Do you know if he lived out the war?
A: Yes he did. I remember seeing him in the processing area. We talked, but I lost track of him.

Q: Were you sent home after you were wounded?
A: No, there was a real manpower shortage. I was still limping when they sent me back The left knee was a very serious wound; I'm still bothered by it today. The wound in my right thigh could have been a lot worse because it missed my testicle by about an inch.
See the next installment of a soldier's story in next week's Star.



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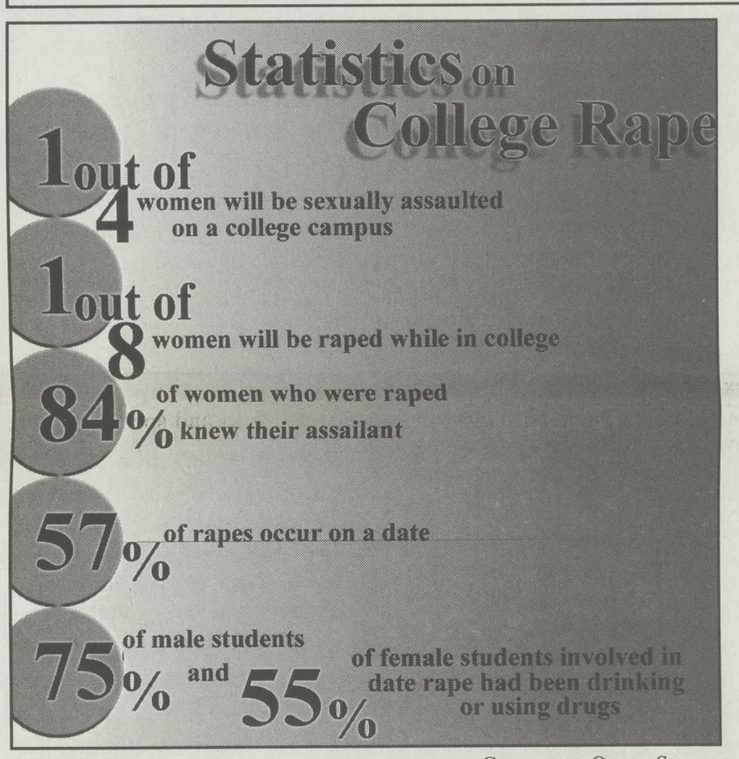
BREATHE EASY- Valley Respiratory Professor Dr. Frank Sinsheimer and his dummy prepare to demonstrate rescue breathing at Wednesday's job fair.


Statistics on College Rape
1 out of 4 women will be sexually assaulted on a college campus
1 out of 8 women will be raped while in college
84% of women who were raped knew their assailant
57% of rapes occur on a date
75% of male students and 55% of female students involved in date rape had been drinking or using drugs

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Female Student Sexually Assaulted

By Ryan Yudell
Staff Writer

On a dark night in one of Valley College's many dimly-lit walkways, a would-be rapist attacked a student, according to the Valley sheriff's department. The attack occurred at 10:30 p.m. March 13 between the art building and lot C.

The student was walking west toward lot C when the attacker tackled her from behind and pinned her face to the ground, the report said. The victim said the attacker had a large build and her attempts to break free were futile.

The attacker slit the womans' right pant leg behind the knee with a sharp object that left a small cut on her leg. When she started to cry the attacker threatened her, according to the campus security report.

A car starting in nearby lot C startled the attacker who ran off before help could arrive.

Sixty-eight percent of all sexual assaults occur at night and nearly 5 percent of college women are victimized during any given calendar year, according to the National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice.

Employers Reach Out to Students at Valley College

By Christina Grate
Staff Writer

The Valley College Cooperative Education Department planned and hosted the 24th Annual Los Angeles Valley College Job Fair Wednesday.

More than 30 employers made their presence known in Monarch Square. Among the companies on campus were the Bank of the West, the California Highway Patrol and the Granada Hills Community Hospital.

"This year we have a low amount of employers compared to in the past, we normally have 60 to 65," said Hanna Pettersson, director of cooperative education. "I think that with the economic situation, the threat of war and everything, people are reluctant."

The Granada Hills Community Hospital has participated in several job fairs at Valley and enjoys coming back because of the turnout of a good work force.

"We feel like we have the chance to present the students with information to let them know what Granada Hills Community Hospital can do for them," said Marsha Horton, of Granada Hills Community Hospital.

Employers distributed flyers explaining what each company was about, what they did and what they had to offer. Many listed available positions and all welcomed students' questions and interest.

Despite the efforts of all involved, many students still weren't aware of the job fair and wondered what the commotion was all about.

"I think that it should have been advertised a little more and promoted a little better," Valley student Ruben Oganesyan said. "I didn't even know we were having a job fair."

Regardless, Monarch Square saw a good turnout of students who were appreciative of the presence of the employers.

Attending students appreciated the employers' participation. "I think the job fair gives students a good opportunity to see the jobs and careers that are out there," said Valley student Lisa Niehaus.

Extension Classes Provide Options for Valley Students

By Kathy Arellano
Staff Writer

When what the Daily news called "America's Largest Court Reporting Program" filed bankruptcy in April 1995, 800 Merit College students arrived at school to find locked doors. Angry, confused students pounded on the doors while 70 faculty and staff members gathered inside, fearful of the mob and trying to understand their new unemployed status.

The closure led to the creation of the Valley College Professional Paralegal Academy, the most successful extension offering yet.

"We got an advance from Community Services — about $50,000," Reed said. "What got me going was seeing those students at Merit standing there — the doors were locked, they were just out on the street."

By summer 1995, Valley shepherded 22 of 28 Merit students close to completing their program and enabled them to receive their certificates, according to Reed.

"There was a proliferation of private court reporting schools back then, charging $15,000 and claiming that a person could become a paralegal in three easy steps," said Annie Goldman, Valley Extension program director, and former Merit College instructor.

Following the paralegal classes, extension classes officially started in Fall 1995. Offerings included a divorce retreat, an electronics certificate class, a security guard program, EMT training, and the paralegal program.

"Some faculty members felt that the Extension classes might draw students away from college, but it turned out to be just the opposite," said Reed. "Many Extension graduates return to Valley and enroll in a variety of other classes."

"The paralegal program has grown and developed into something that is truly unique," Goldman said. "It has been the sustenance of the Extension program — The revenues enable us to contribute a huge amount of money to the Valley College General Fund."

There is an open house Monday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. for prospective students.

Amid budget cuts and rising equipment costs, departments can offer a desirable class during semester down time, the Extension does the marketing and administrative duties, and both departments share the revenue.

"We wanted to keep the photo lab open during the summer, since there is a full-time lab assistant there, and no regular classes," said Rod Lyons, Journalism department co-chair. "Our department made close to $1,200."

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follow through," student Peter Lane said. "We can't just spend money and then stop if the problem still exists, but it's too bad we're in this position in the first place."

Leaders across the globe have spoke against the war, but the proposed U.N. war resolution that France and Russia expected to veto has been put off while nations discuss humanitarian aid. "The war against Iraq is threatening the fate of humanity," Pope John Paul II said.

Two marines lost their lives in combat, and 19 U.S. soldiers died in helicopter crashes Friday. As of Tuesday, 39 coalition soldiers and five journalists have been killed.

A U.S. soldier of the 101st Airborne Division is suspected of throwing grenades and firing his rifle into three command tents Saturday, killing one serviceman and injuring 15, three seriously, according to the Associated Press. One of the tents served as the tactical operations center. The soldier killed was an Army Captain.

More than 200 hundred Iraqi civilians of Baghdad have died from the bombing, CNN reported.

"I feel as if it wasn't the best thing to do," student Ronald Sanchez said of the U.S. invasion of Iraq. "But now that we're at war it could have a positive effect on world opinion on world opinion if done right."

James Dabbagian contributed to this story.

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Assembly member Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park) said that California's economy has suffered is because of the weak stock market.

"Our state is very dependent on income taxes, which are largely based on stocks," Chu said. "When the stocks are down, so is the state's budget."

In the mid-1990s, at the peak of the dot-com explosion, people contributed to the state revenue at record numbers. This generated more income taxes, creating a surplus in the state's budget. When stock prices leveled in 1999, the budget that economists projected quickly dissipated.

The state's income has also suffered because of the "energy crisis" of 2000. Electric companies, such as Southern California Edison, forced California to pay $1 million a day, according to reports.

"The governor was spending so much money on an energy crisis that wasn't real," Joseph Dowell a business student said. "It makes me wonder where the governor thought he was getting the money from."

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Opinion

Staff Editorial

Star Wars with Public Relations Office

It seems Valley College's director of public relations, Cindy Sardo, wants to control the press. She recently fired off an e-mail to the entire campus that in part read:

"As a reminder, you are not obligated to speak to any reporter when they call you. As a recommendation, you can tell the reporter that 'you would be happy to transfer him/her to the college's public relations director, Cindy Sardo, #2433, who will discuss and answer your questions.' (The media includes reporters from newspapers, including the campus's Valley Star, television, radio and magazines.)"

The Valley Star was the only publication named in the e-mail.

Since then, members of the administration have hung up on Valley Star reporters, reporters have had a difficult time reaching sources for stories and campus security removed one Star reporter from the financial aid office.

The Valley Star is the student publication of Los Angeles Valley College and is published with the intention of training future journalists to enter the news media. The Star is also here to inform Valley students and local residents who passed a bond measure to help rebuild the campus.

The Star operates as a learning lab, stressing real-world newsroom conditions for prospective news writers, photographers, editors and designers.

The Star understands Sardo's job is to promote the school, and not to censor the campus newspaper.

Throughout modern history, the media has benefited society greatly. If it weren't for information mediums, British imperialists would have trampled Mohandas Gandhi underfoot before he ever got to India, and there would have been no Martin Luther King or Cesar Chavez to follow his example.

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U.S. presidents have also had things to say on the matter.

"The liberty of the press is essential to a free state," John Adams said.

"Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost," Thomas Jefferson said in 1786.

"The press is the enemy," Richard Nixon said in 1969.

Sardo's e-mail encourages administrators and faculty to not speak with the press. This gives the appearance of prior restraint.

The Star only wants to show all sides of the story, but without faculty and administration's cooperation, Sardo's words only stand to hurt those she's trying to protect. When the Star intends to write a story relevant to the Valley community, the story will be written. As leaders of the Valley community, if they refuse to comment or redirect Star staff to Sardo, their side of the story won't be heard.

As educated people, campus officials should be able to speak for themselves as experts in their fields. It's doubtful Sardo is an expert in microbiology, knowledgeable of the happenings in the English department, or keeps track of new achievements Math students make.

The Star can't print articles with every quote attributed as "'…,' said Cindy Sardo, director of Valley College public relations." And the paper's goal is to write well-balanced articles.

As President Nixon proved, the only people who need fear the press are people with evils to hide. The Star's only mission is to publish accurate and unbiased news reporting. The Star has done nothing to warrant censorship or prior restraint, and even if it had, the First Amendment of the constitution supercedes Sardo's e-mail.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Although Sardo has complained in the past about the Star's lack of campus coverage, she hasn't sent the Star a press release regarding campus events for at least four semesters, according the Star's past editors-in-chief.

Valley College is not Soviet Russia, and the Valley Star is not the Pravda.

An Opinion

CNN Holds U.S. POW Footage Hostage

By Benjamin Favela
Staff Photographer

I chose photojournalism as a major because taking photographs is my passion. Another passion I have is to show people how others live, interesting people doing interesting things in interesting ways.

Being a journalist I must adhere to the fundamentals of journalism, one of which is to report the whole truth and nothing but. Journalists are constantly on the stand as witnesses and experts brought up to testify on world events.

If we tell a lie, whether it's intentional or not, the consequences are greater than any perjury sentence. We can lose our journalistic credibility and our jobs. We get punished not just for lying in print, but for lying to the people of the world.

There's a saying, "A half-truth is still a lie." This means that if we intentionally withhold certain information that's pertinent to the report, it's the same as if we made it all up in the first place.

There's a method to this crash course on journalistic ethics. And, if you were watching CNN Sunday night instead of the Academy Awards, you'd know why.

Arabic news network al-Jazeera broadcasted video from Iraqi TV of the five American prisoners of war all day Sunday, along with footage of dead American soldiers in Iraq. Some of the video was shown in the United States, such as a clip of U.S. Army Spc. Joseph Hudson, 23, announcing his name, rank and social security number to the camera, but not the entire video.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld condemned the video, saying it was against the Geneva Convention to "show photos of POWs in a manner that's humiliating to them."

CNN showed a brief clip of the video of the American POWs, but they outright refused to show the video of the dead American soldiers. Apparently AOL Time Warner CEO Richard Parsons thinks of the American public as children, incapable of handling the atrocities of war. Even CNN anchor Aaron Brown gave a message during his broadcast, saying that CNN had chosen not to show the video of the dead American soldiers, out of respect for their families.

I don't remember CNN saying this when, in Oct. 1993, they showed video of a dead U.S. Army soldier's naked body being dragged out of a Blackhawk helicopter and paraded through the streets of Mogadishu, Somalia.

Please, treat us like the adults we are.

We deserve to see what the government is spending our tax dollars on. A half-truth is still a lie. Don't we deserve to know what we're putting our sons, daughters, fathers and mothers, through?

Jacqui Brown

War is not Healthy for Wallets or Other Liquid Things

Businesses come and go all the time. In two years, American companies lost more than $300 billion. That's enough cold hard cash to build a school in almost every neighborhood. That's enough money to house and feed the homeless across our country for the next year or two.

Markets fluctuate. World trade, import, export and speculation is how money moves around. It seeks the path of least resistance, but our National Deficit is still more than $6 trillion dollars. How can we afford to keep bailing out every country that knocks at our door to borrow a few bucks?

The almost $21 billion education budget cut is raping students of their legal right to a fair and equal public education. Unemployment will most likely reach new heights if tuition is raised as government officials have suggested, because it will force many students to drop out and seek work instead.

The White House is about to ask Congress for up to $90 billion to pay for the war with Iraq, with an estimated additional $100 billion more to rebuild the country once we've shredded it with our precise and extremely expensive missiles and manpower. Congress may have developed a sense of humor and offered up the name 'Shock and Awe' when they realized the reaction the cost of this war would cause.

It seems the U.S. government can find or create a huge budget for military actions and maintain access to a seemingly endless flow of money to bribe other countries for use of their territory. The money we'll spend on this effort could take a huge dent out of our problems in America.

Yes, the government continually steals from Peter to pay Paul when it comes to war. So why not use these same principles to make a plan that will ensure healthcare, welfare and employment for our own people or rescue companies that are succumbing to bankruptcy and failure?

In this financial ruin, we find ourselves heading for we have become jaded to. We hardly flinch now when we hear about hospitals closing down. We keep hearing there's a shortage of nurses, but where are they supposed to find work? "Company re-structuring" has become the politically correct way of laying off thousands of employees, and now all we do is take the pink slip, stick it in our pocket and head for the soup line.

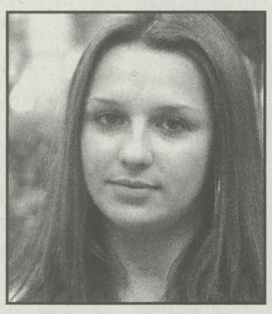
Drink Up, Dub-ya!

Illustration by Tiffany Farmakis / Valley Star

*Campus*View

Do you think news networks should show the footage of captured American POWs?

Photos by Benjamin Favela

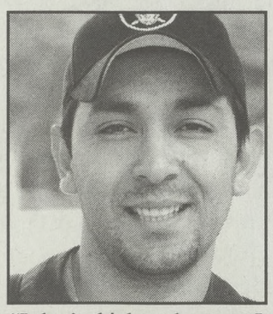


"I think they should show what's going on and show what we do and what they do. I believe they should show what our soldiers are going through."

Jacky Lopez

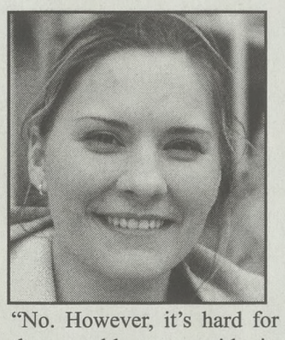
"I don't think they should. It's insensitive to the families of the men. It will demoralize the overall sentiment of the feelings here at home."

Martin Rodriguez



"I don't think so because I wouldn't want to show my kids shot or in prison. But it's a contradiction of what we want and what we don't want."

Roman Meneses



"No. However, it's hard for the world to avoid it. Anyone with a satellite can watch al-Jazeera. American TV shouldn't air the footage."

Paige Rushing

Letter to the Editor

Re: CUTS HURT DISABLED STUDENTS, March 12, 2003

DSPS chair Kathleen Sullivan is quoted as saying, "This is not just a budget issue, it's a civil rights issue… If the state cuts our budget, they're breaking the law."

Sullivan should have provided at least one reference or citation to applicable disability law, whether it's federal or state law. The Americans with Disabilities Act, which is a federal law, is just one example. Sullivan's assertion that cutting DSPS's budget constitutes a civil rights violation isn't supported by any reference or citation to applicable state or federal statutes.

What's the law that says a budget cut is a "civil rights violation." Or, that it is "against the law" to make such cuts?

Since "part of Sullivan's job" is to inform students of their "rights… and administrators of mandates," she should have provided the reporter with the applicable legal citations, or at least applicable legal references. Assuming she's not being disingenuous with her statement that "part of her job is teaching students how to advocate (for) themselves."

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Valley Life

Campus Scene

University Representatives

California State University, Northridge
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays in Career/Transfer Center

CAMPUS EVENTS
A Call To Action- Budget cut demonstration, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 28 at Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., Downtown Los Angeles.
LACCD Board of Trustee's Meeting- 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. March 26 in Monarch Hall.
Town Hall Meeting- 2 to 5:00 p.m March 27 in Cafeteria Conference Room.

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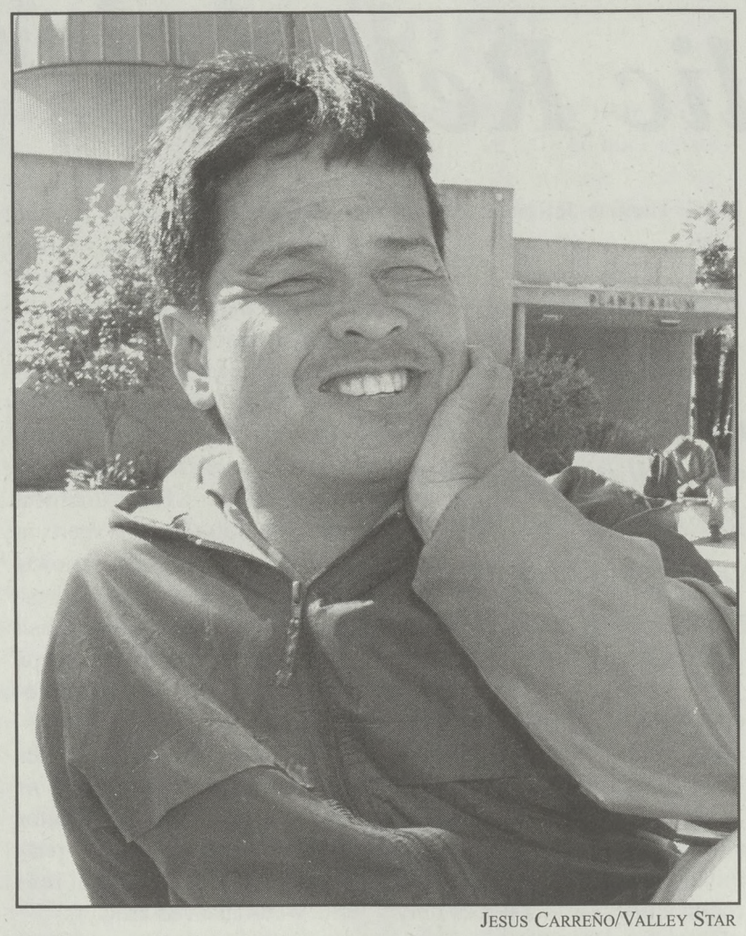

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BLIND-SIGHTED BY NOTHING- Dondie Rondina takes in the campus atmosphere. He doesn't need rely on maps to get to class.

A Future Not So Blind

By Jackie Conley
Staff Writer

Dondie Rondina can't dream or imagine visually because he's never had sight, but he does have goals. He hopes to become a productive member of society and is only three units short of transferring to Cal State Northridge as a business major.

"I already have three strikes against me, I'm blind, short and a minority," Rondina said. "Without technology today I would have had to settle for a career, like selling pencils or becoming a musician like Stevie Wonder and Ray Charles, rocking back and forth."

There are nearly 192,000 blind and visually impaired people in Southern California, according to the Braille Institute.

More than 70 percent of the blind are unemployed, according to Nancy Burns, President of the National Federation of the Blind of California.

"It's because of society's attitude towards the blind," Burns said. "There's a lack of knowledge and information on the blind."

Rondina has faced prejudice throughout his life. He even had to drop out of City College because people discriminated against him. He said the only prejudices he faces at Valley are silent ones.

"My condition isn't a handicap, just an inconvenience," Rondina said. A student since fall 1983, it's taken him almost 20 years to finish school because textbooks were hard to come by in audiocassette or Braille.

Born with a dead optic nerve in the left eye and undeveloped right eye, Rondina is one of a handful of blind students at Valley College.

With advancements in technology, like audio computer programs and voice-activated watches, Rondina is able to function in school .

"By putting euphemisms on words like visually impaired as opposed to blind takes away from the real issues," Rondina said. "Give us a sense of dignity, and responsibility. Deep down I already know I'm special, now I'm striving for humility."

One day in 1984 Rondina killed a man in self-defense. Two days later, police officers said they wouldn't charge him because the man died from multiple causes.

"I don't take any joy in that incident," Rondina said. "It's hard when someone pushes you to defend yourself. There's no such thing as a fair fight unless you win."

Rondina said being blind is easy for people who want to take the easy way out and get sympathy from others.

"I don't want to depend on anyone," Rondina said. "I want to pull my own weight and contribute to society, not have an inferiority complex. The minute I get off the subway, people are tugging on my shirt and trying to direct me. It's demeaning. I have to bite my tongue because I know people mean well."

If you need directions around campus, just ask Rondina. It only took him a week to adjust to campus' layout.

"Here, people have a sense of community," Rondina said. "They don't have a defeated attitude and feel they can make a difference. There's a bit of idealism left."

Without Rondina's superhuman four senses and cool gadgets, he's simply an ordinary man who views the world in a different light.

'H is Orange' Engages the Senses

By Nicole Sunkes
Valley Life Editor

Has a hot dog ever smelled loud to you? Or maybe blue is your favorite color because it tastes so good. Sam Nelson, singer and songwriter for 'H is Orange,' chose to name his band after a symptom of synesthesia, a psychological condition where your senses become cross-wired. You can taste colors, smell sounds and feel scents.

'H is Orange,' the Los Angeles based band fronted by Nelson, played the Troubador Friday night. It's 45-minute set was definitely a sensory stimulation, with it's melodic hard rock sound hitting every nerve of the 80-person crowd.

Most of the band's fan base was accumulated through word-of-mouth. "We want you kids to be copying our stuff like maven," Nelson said while on stage. They're getting more radio play, but rumor has it that they were played on a major Los Angeles station last month, and it's getting a lot of their air time from college stations.

The band is wired for success, having been picked as band of the month by lainsider.com last month. "I think the music industry's waiting for some kind of Nirvana," guitar player Troy Brittain said. "Instead of investing in bands that are worth something, it's like they are holding a trump card. They wait until the genre is spent, and all they are doing is copying what's out there. There's no risk-taking. We're on the edge. We're that band they're waiting for."

Although they collaborate on music, Nelson is the songwriter. "I write about love, hate, loss, time, wasting it," Nelson said.

Skinner, who has a love for electronic music, also produces some of the band's material, which is how he originally met the other members. "We had such good chemistry," he said. "They wanted to add that element to the band."

The band formed about two and a half years ago when Guy Stanier, the band's drummer and friend of Nelson's, moved to California from New Jersey. He and Nelson found Troy Brittain, their guitar player, in an ad. Then they met Marcel Blanco, who plays bass. Guitar player Jay Skinner was added in December.

Friday night's show was their first in several months and their first with Skinner, who worked with the band unofficially for almost a year.

The band credits other groups like Bad Brains, Quick Sand and the Aphex Twin as their biggest influences.

They're working on a full-length album due out this summer, and have an EP "Be Silent and Know" out now.

Their next gig is at the Knitting Factory's Alterknit Lounge, March 28. Find out more about them at their website, www.hisorange.com.

Sounds of Cello

Lynn Angebrandt, part-time cello instructor at Valley College, performed several classical cello pieces on Thursday. She gave a brief lecture regarding the advent of cello popularity in Europe during the 17th Century prior to beginning the concert. Angebrandt has a master's degree from the California Institute of the Arts and has performed in many orchestras and various local philharmonics.

Text and Photo by Alex Dash

Tammy Abbott/Valley Star

MUSICAL HIJINKS- Dr. Robert Chauls and the Valley Symphony Orchestra welcomed guest artist Wayland Pickard in the Mainstage Theatre at 8 p.m. March 15.

Parachute Express Lands at Valley

By Nicole Sunkes
Valley Life Editor

Donny Becker, one-third of children's music group "Parachute Express" and Valley College alumnus, presented "Putting the Magic in Music Time," a workshop for teachers and child caregivers Saturday in Monarch Hall.

The workshop was part of Valley's Project TRACK program, a tax-funded scholarship plan for students in child development majors. The TRACK program is open to about 30 students a semester and helps them with tuition, books and other financial needs. "The money from that tax goes toward the lives of children ages zero to five and their families," program director Marni Roosevelt said.

"This program is important because it gives an extra boost to the child development department and motivates students," Roosevelt said.

TRACK has about six to 12 of these workshops a year and they're all open to the public. "I just had one yesterday about talking to kids about the war," Roosevelt said.

Using audience participation and interaction, he demonstrated various methods of dancing and singing to get kids more excited about education and to remember what they've learned. "Early education is so important and this is one way to get kids comfortable with language and express themselves through music," Roosevelt said.

"This program is to teach you how to use magic in the classroom and to give you new ideas for using music with children," Becker said.

"Parachute Express" is an internationally known children's entertainment group. They've been together for 20 years and have nine albums. They've won an Indy Award for their album "Doctor Looney" and have appeared on the Disney Channel and Nickelodeon. They've played at a Clinton inaugural ball and performed live at the Kennedy Center.

On Budget, On Saving, On Coupons - Oh My!
Slice of Life
By Jacqui Brown

Okay, I admit it - guilt has finally set in. No, I didn't cheat on my husband or do anything illegal. I've realized I'm not pulling my weight in the financial arena at home because I'm at school most of the time.

Although school is a step toward a new career, it's time consuming and expensive. With the price of textbooks, parking passes and reams of paper for my computer, it doesn't take long to empty my wallet.

With a mortgage, car payments - three, in fact, since my daughter has recently begun driving - sometimes the belt must be tightened. I realized I've made a lot of irresponsible purchases, because I just couldn't resist "the deal."

You know those ads, buy ten, get one free. Sometimes I look at this stuff when I get home and try to calculate use vs. shelf life. It dawns on me that, once again, I've been had. I mean, what are those superstores thinking when they try to get you to buy a 40-gallon jar of mayonnaise? I always wonder how many people will say, after arriving at the bottom of this jar, "death by mayo?"

For years I've watched shoppers, especially the elder population, enter the store, get their cart and then pull out a huge wallet, or sometimes a small box, and spend 10 or 20 minutes sifting through their vast array of coupons. It's like watching one of those reality shows. I'd have to call it "Stamina." The theme is how much extra time one can spend during each shopping expedition, how many deals you can find and how much money can you actually save.

There's a certain art to this, though, because the deal gets better if you can match up your manufacturer's coupon to the in-store flyer coupon, or the black and white coupon from the local paper. What really screws it up is when you finally make it to the first aisle in the store and someone recklessly lays a new coupon they either didn't want, or decided they could live without, on the shelf. The match-up process begins anew.

After much consideration, I decided to join the ranks of the coupon clippers. It would be my way of contributing to and aiding the family budget. It would make me feel less guilty about my student status.

Thursday and Sunday are the gold mine of coupon days in the various newspapers around Los Angeles. The only down side of clipping these coupons is that, by the time my husband comes downstairs to read the paper, there has been serious damage. Gaping holes, shredded stories — all attributable to my insane pursuit of the good deal. I explain that I'm saving him from a substantial amount of bad news. He just shakes his head, picks up what's left and heads for the coffee.

Going to the store now is an adventure - my coupons gripped tightly in my fist, my in-store flyer tucked neatly under my arm. I head out to find the best deals.

'Rats'

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snails, ants and insects could live in the flora.

"It also maintains control of any rodents or pests living in the ivy," Jacobsmeyer said.

"They're mostly just unsanitary because they relieve themselves anywhere and everywhere they are," said Dave Snyder of Zenith Environmental, a pest control company.

A few people have seen mice run across the pavement, but they don't stay in the open very long, Epling said. After the ivy has been cut, the pests tend to run off to find other places to hide. Once in a while Epling receives a call to remove a mouse from one of the buildings.

Epling lays out large glue traps to catch the rodents. "I never use any of the poisons," he said.

Epling removes the dead animals from the traps, double bags them, and takes them to the trash compactor. "A lot of people may be shocked by that, but what else are you going to do with them," he said.

"I've not received any calls yet, but I'm expecting them any minute," Epling said. "They've gotten into buildings and offices before, but only rarely."

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'Reporter'

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that if administrators don't respond to a reporter's question because they don't know the answer she understands, but she discourages them from intentionally withholding information.

"I hope administrators understand their role and responsibility is to provide information," Wieder said. "If administrators are giving no comment, I'd like to know why. I support the Valley Star 1000 percent. Reporters have the right to ask questions."

Jordan was researching a story about selective service and wanted to know if any male student's financial aid packets had been flagged because they hadn't registered. She entered the financial aid office and asked to see Ralston, Jordan said.

Jordan spoke to the receptionist who referred her to a technician, Jordan said. The technician referred her to Cindy Sardo, Valley's director of public relations. Jordan asked if she could make an appointment with Ralston and financial aid staff asked her to write a note that they'd deliver to her, according to Jordan.

Jordan said she did so, but while she was waiting for a response campus security came and escorted her out of the office, she said. Jordan didn't argue with campus security, according to Nora Gellar, campus security dispatcher.

Someone stamped a flyer for approval that some have seen around campus pertaining to the incident. Part of the flyer reads, "When a college newspaper can no longer choose its own topic, interview at random, gain perspective or print relevant subjects to students — WE HAVE A PROBLEM!"

All flyers must be cleared for posting through the office of student services. Rosemary Smith, student services' administrative secretary hadn't seen the flyer and agreed its inflammatory remarks shouldn't have been posted. Smith didn't approve the flyer herself and doesn't know who did.

"I'll have to ask all the student workers who brought it in," Smith said. "We have to be careful about what we forbid to post because we can't trample the freedom of speech." The flyer is unsigned and no one in student services knows who wrote it.

Wieder met with Valley Star faculty advisers and Leon Marzillier and Shannon Stack of Valley's academic senate to discuss the matter Monday. Wieder requested Ralston's presence but she was unable to attend the meeting.

"I think we've taken care of the communication part," Wieder said. If Ralston or other financial aid staff had asked Jordan to leave she would have been required to do so. According to Jordan, no one told her to leave.

Jordan tried to speak to Ralston on a previous visit to the financial aid office, Jordan said. A woman who worked in financial aid told her Ralston wasn't in, Jordan said. Jordan said she later found that the woman who said Ralston wasn't in was Ralston herself.

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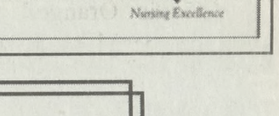
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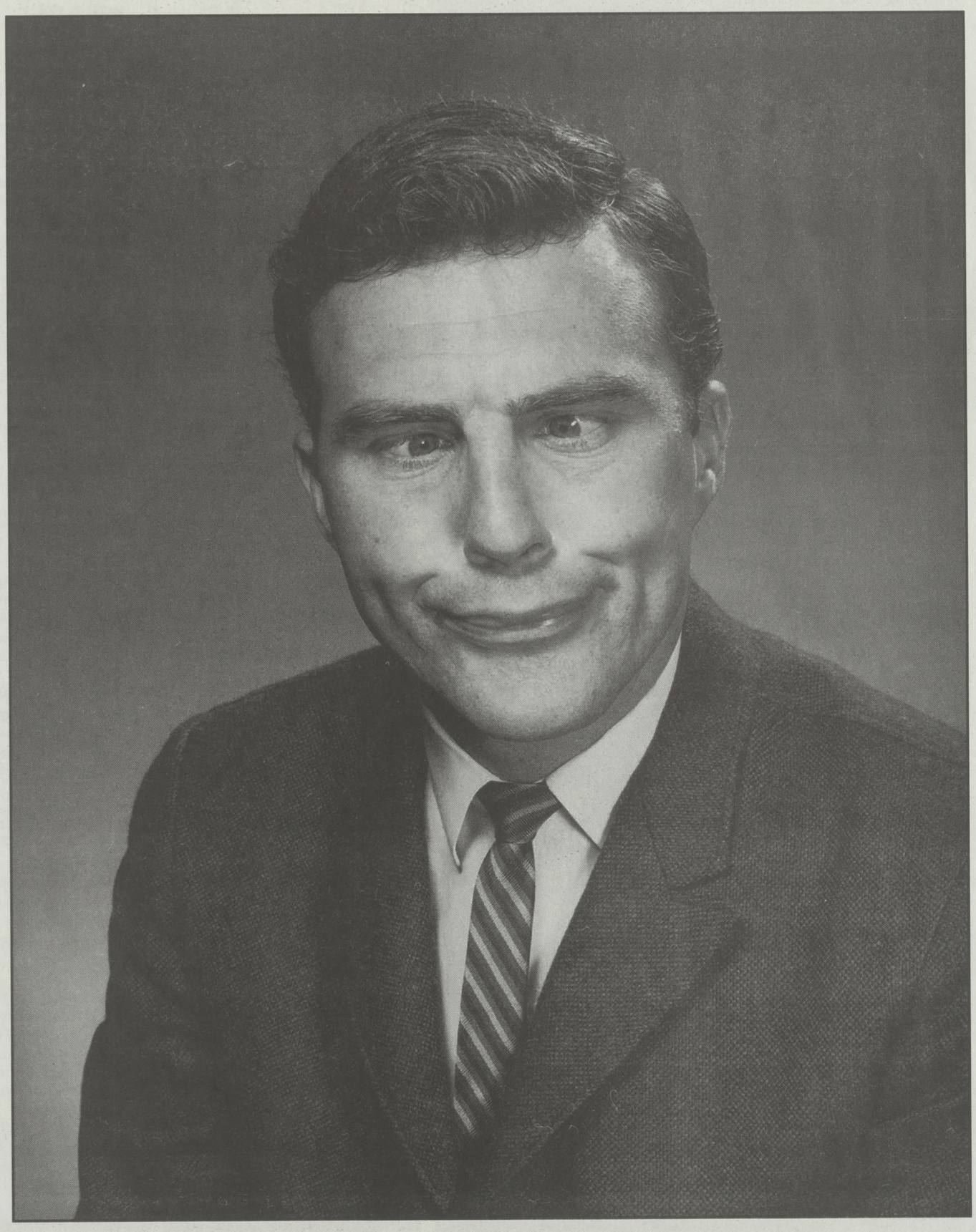
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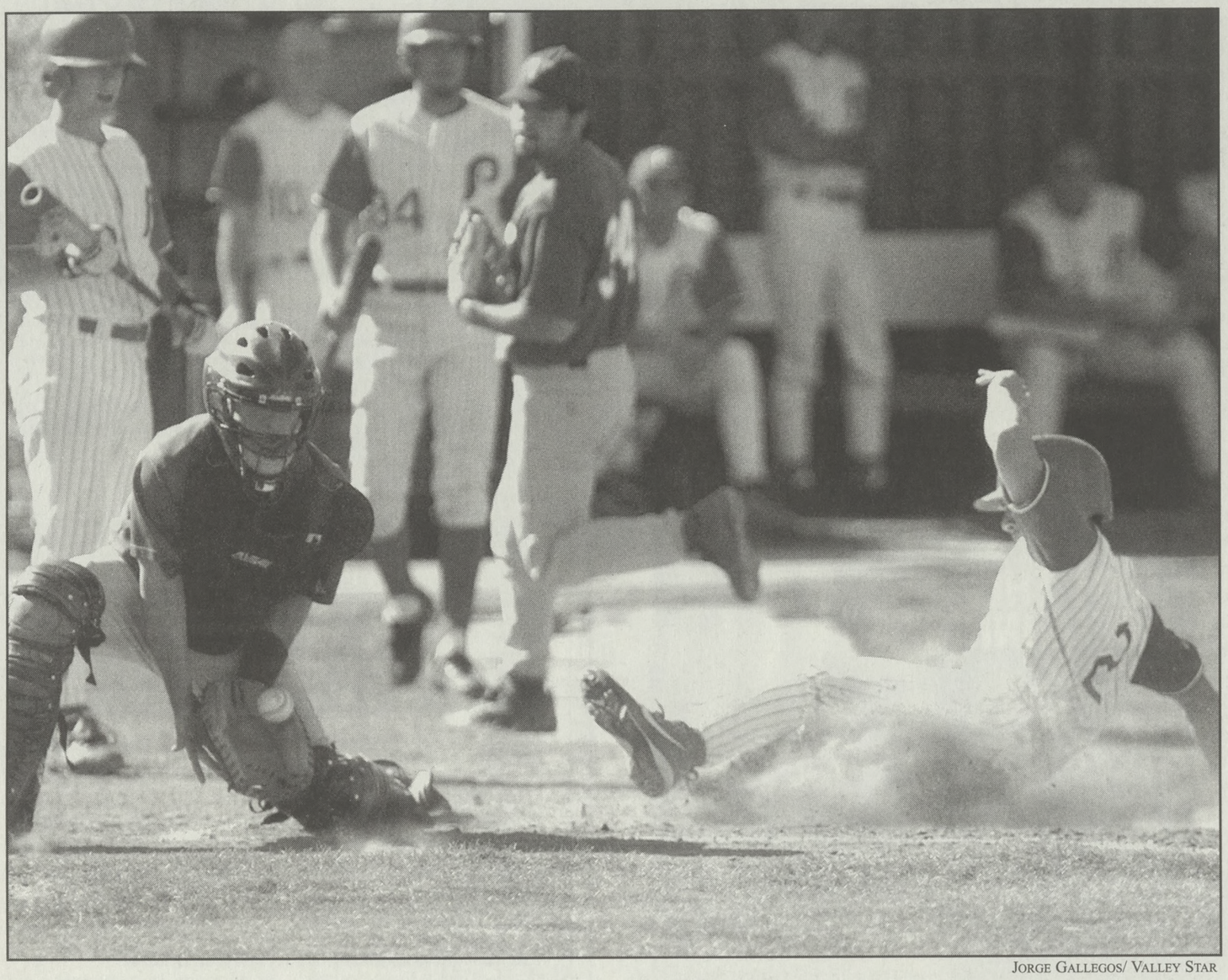

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ANOTHER RUN-Monarchs catcher Brian Levinson fails to tag out the Pierce College's runner in a Pierce home game Tuesday.

By Jayson Addcox
Staff Writer

The Monarchs' struggling bats were silenced in a 5-0 shutout loss to Pierce at Valley Saturday. Brahmas starting pitcher Mike Causey was too much to handle, throwing a hard fastball and a nasty sinker. He went eight innings and gave up six hits to five strikeouts.

"He was on today, he's six-foot-five and throws in the high 80s," Pierce Coach Bob Lofrano said after the game. "He's tough to hit."

Monarchs starting pitcher David Kessler pitched well through the first three innings. However, after retiring the first two batters in the fourth, he issued back to back walks and hit a batter before giving a three-run double to batter Mike Nesbit. The bases-loaded double ended Kessler's day. He gave up four runs on four hits and struck out two in three and two thirds innings.

In the bottom half of the inning, the Monarchs had a man in scoring position and were seemingly getting to the hard-throwing righty. Corey Brown however popped out to the first baseman, and second baseman Mike Seiser was caught looking to end the inning leaving two men on and restoring pitcher Mike Causey's confidence.

The Monarchs threatened again in the sixth with back to back one out singles by Clint Copulus and Brian Levinson. Yet again the opportunity was squandered, the Monarchs left ten men on base and struggled to get the clutch hit throughout the game.

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The Monarchs bullpen was solid. Jose Avila, Alfredo Avila and Edgar De la Cueva combined for five and one-third innings and gave up only one unearned run while striking out six.

"We pitched well today, the bullpen was solid," said Valley coach Chris Johnson. "The problem is we're not hitting. We're hitting poorly and not getting runs."

LAVC SCORES

Track & Field @ CSUN 3/22/03
Men's Pole Vault Section B: Milton Aguilas 2.89m, Marques Reyes 3.65m
Women's Shot Put Section B: (Flight 1) Alison Berman 7.62m, (Flight 2) Ashley Butler 9.75m

Baseball vs. Pierce (L 0-5) 3/22/03 Record: 1-19-1

Softball vs. Cuesta (L 0-9) 3/21/03 Record: 7-19

LAVC SCHEDULE

Wednesday 3/26/03
Swimming @ El Camino 2:30 p.m.

Thursday 3/27/03
Softball vs. Hancock 2:30 p.m.

Friday 3/28/03
No Scheduled Games

Saturday 3/29/03
Softball @ Pierce 12 p.m.

Monday 3/31/03
No Scheduled Games

Tuesday 4/1/03
Baseball @ Bakersfield 2 p.m.
Softball vs. Hancock 2:30 p.m.

PRO SCORES

L.A. Lakers @ San Antonio Spurs (L 89-98) 3/23/03
Shaquille O'Neal: 32 pts, 12 rb, 8-11 ft — LAL Record: 39-30 overall

L.A. Clippers vs. Houston Rockets (L 90-108) 3/24/03
Lamar Odom: 30 pts, 10 rb, 2-3 3pt — LAC Record: 22-48 overall

An. Mighty Ducks vs. Col. Blue Jackets (W 5-0) 3/24/03
Jean-Sebastien Giguere: 29 saves — AN Record: 38-26-9-5

L.A. Kings vs. Boston Bruins (L 3-4) 3/22/03
Z. Palffy: 1 goal — LA Record: 30-34-6-5

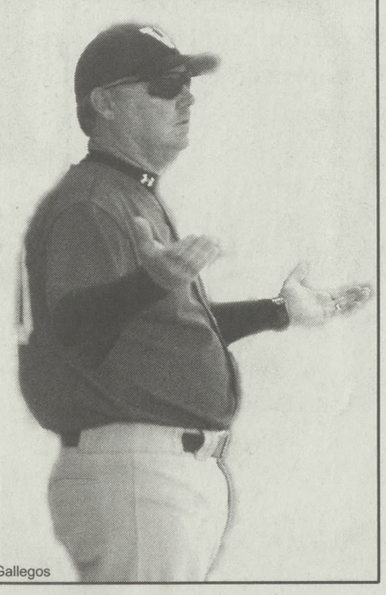
An. Angels vs. Seattle Mariners (W 6-5) 3/24/03
WP: Scot Shields (1-0) — LP: J. Putz (0-1)

L.A. Dodgers vs. St. Louis Cardinals (L 1-6) 3/24/03
WP: Garret Stephenson (2-1) — LP: Darren Dreifort (1-2)

In Their Own Words

"I'm sorry. Excuse me, I'm trying to win a game here."

Chris Johnson,
Men's baseball coach to the players on the field.



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Men's and Women's Track & Field
Northridge Invitational
March 21-22, 2003
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Event 10 Men 1500m Run
Section 4
Lane 8 Julian Samayoa 4:38.00

Event 12 Men 4x100m Relay
Section 2 Timed Finals
Lane 5 LA Valley 'A' 0:44.20

Event 15 Men 110 Meter Hurdles
Section 2 Timed Finals
Lane 8 Andrew Cook 0:15.70
Section 3 Timed Finals
Lane 4 R. Dissanayake 0:15.80

Event 16 Women 100m Hurdles
Section 3 Timed Finals
Lane 4 Ericka Harber 0:16.80
Lane 7 Sherri Mc Coy 0:18.80

Event 17 Men 100m Dash
Section 2 Timed Finals
Lane 5 Arthur Sulcer 0:10.80
Section 7 Timed Finals
Lane 5 Nick Dean 0:12.30

Event 18 Women 100m Dash
Section 1 Timed Finals
Lane 3 Michelle Stinnette 0:11.98
Section 5 Timed Finals
Lane 4 Heaven Davin 0:13.50
Lane 5 Sherri Mc Coy 0:13.50

Event 49 Women Discus Throw Section B
Flight 1 Finals
6th Ashley Butler 27.43m

Event 22 Men 400m Dash
Section 4 Timed Finals
Lane 7 Jason Murdock 0:52.80
Section 5 Timed Finals
Lane 6 Kenneth Ary 0:55.00

Event 27 Men 800m Run
Section 3 Timed Finals
11-1c Julian Samayoa 2:12.00

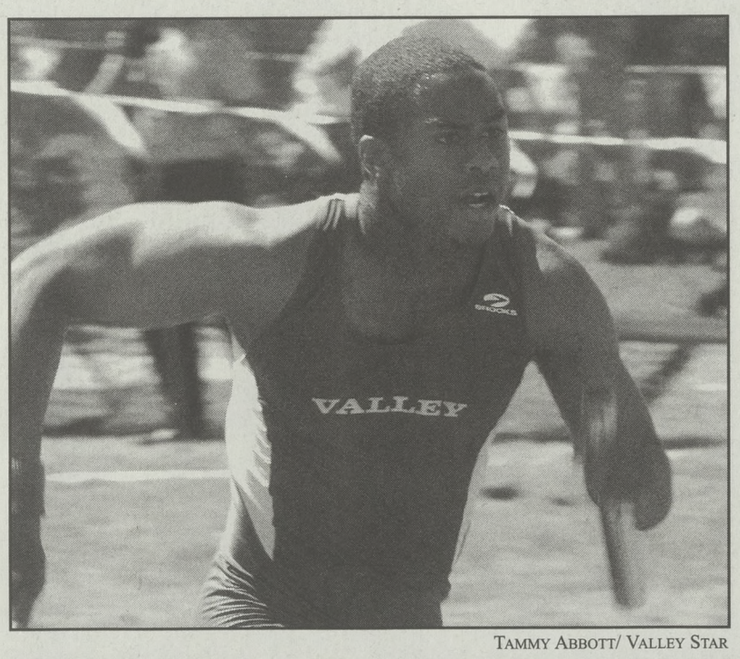
Event 30 Men 200m Dash
Section 2 Timed Finals
Lane 4 Arthur Sulcer 0:22.00
Section 7 Timed Finals
Lane 4 Jason Murdock 0:23.30
Section 8 Timed Finals
Lane 2 R. Dissanayake 0:24.30
Lane 5 Andrew Cook 0:24.00
Lane 7 Nick Dean 0:25.00
Section 9 Timed Finals
Lane 4 Kenneth Ary 0:25.00

Event 36 Women 3000m Run
Section 1 Timed Finals
20th Milvia Monroy 15:45.00

Event 37 Men 5000m Run
Section 1 Timed Finals
10th Kevin Lelles 15:48.00

Event 41 Women Pole Vault Section A
Flight 1 Finals
20th Ericka Harbor 2.13m

NEXT MEET WSC #4 ■ April 4 ■ 2:30 p.m.



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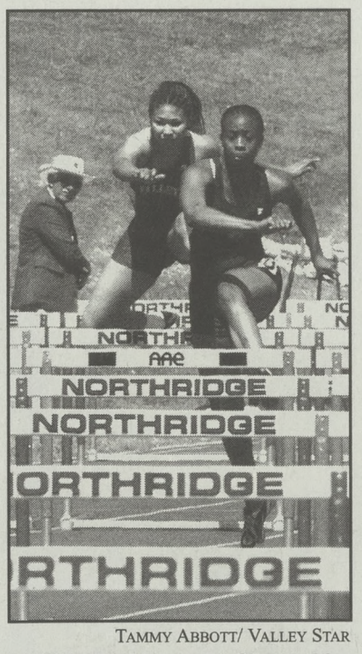
ON THE RUN-Andrew Cook, the second leg of the men's 4x100 meter relay, helped the Monarchs finish the event in the second place.



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HURDLES-Monarch Sherri McCoy, back, finished sixth.

NOTES

WAR IN IRAQ:
Harbor College Connection
Lance Corporal Jose Gutierrez, the 20-year-old Marine from Camp Pendleton who lost his life in Iraq over the weekend, played on the L.A. Harbor soccer team in 2000.

OHIO D-2 BASKETBALL
Lebron James ended his carreer as the only three-time Mr. Basketball in Ohio history after defeating Kettering Alter 40-36 Saturday.

NBA
Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal scored his 20,000th point in Sacramento Thursday and was given the game ball for his accomplishment. The ball, O'Neal reports, was defaced some time after the game during the Lakers' stay in Sacramento.

NBA
Indiana Pacers swingman Ron Artest was issued a two-game suspension after a flagrant foul call he received Wednesday in a game agains the Boston Celtics. This brings his season suspension total to 10 games.

MLB
World Champion Anaheim Angels third baseman Troy Glaus is questionable for a start in the season opener against the Texas Rangers due to a wrist injury.

MLB
Former Minnesota Twins star and current Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett began his sexual assault trial Monday, stemming from an incident in which he is accused of dragging a woman into a restaurant men's room and groping her.

MLB
Major League Baseball will allow fans to bring small backpacks to games this year. The bags may be subject to random checks, and ballpark security may check spectators with metal-detecting wands at park entrances.

NHL
St. Louis Blues defenseman Jeff Finley was suspended four games by the NHL Monday, one day after he fought in the penalty box in Dallas.

Sports

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TRACK @ CSUN 3/22/03

Event 50 Women Shot Put Section B
Flight 1 Finals

Name	School	Mark
1 Liz, Neal	Trade Tech	6.09m
2 Cruz, Betsabee	Trade Tech	7.62m
3 Berman, Alison	**Los Angeles Valley**	**7.62m**
4 Shibley, Jessica	Ventura College	8.07m
5 Pinkham, Candice	San Bernardino	8.66m
6 Hernandez, Alejandra	Fullerton College	8.83m
7 Horlick, Alexis	Westmont College	9.14m
8 Esparza, Angie	Bakersfield College	9.14m
9 Clutter, Megan	Bakersfield College	9.14m
10 Hood, Angela	Trade Tech	9.16m
11 Espinoza, Lisa	Fullerton Colleg e	9.34m
12 Chann, Vanntha	Bakersfield College	9.44m
13 Rice, Shelly	Bakersfield College	9.44m
Flight 2 Finals		
1 Bautista, Linda	Fullerton College	9.49m
2 Buttler, Ashley	**Los Angeles Valley**	**9.75m**
3 Rodriguez, Audrey	Fullerton Colleg e	10.26m
4 Jefferson, Jae	Fullerton Colleg e	10.36m
5 Dietch, Jessica	Ventura College	10.43m
6 Gonzales, Reena	Fullerton Colleg e	10.66m
7 VanSant, Jennifer	Fullerton Colleg e	10.97m
8 Jackson, Adika	Fullerton Colleg e	11.27m
9 Popp, Shannon	Moorpark College	11.35m
10 Herrera, Thalia	Biola University	11.58m
11 Tuimoloau, Chenne	Moorpark College	12.70m
12 Matthews, Liz	Biola University	12.80m
13 Bryant, Tamara	Moorpark College	12.95m

Event 50 Women Shot Put Section B
Section 1 Timed Finals

2 Zeiglen, Brandy	West Los Angeles	25.20
3 McKnight, Doreen	Bakersfield College	25.00
4 Hidaka, Yuriko	Rucker International	24.60
5 Blake, Tonya	Malda	24.60
6 Malone, Melinda	CSUN	25.00
7 Stinnette, Michelle	**Los Angeles Valley**	**25.30**
8 Singleton, Ila	Fullerton College	25.40
9 Luckey, Krystle	Fullerton College	25.80
Section 2 Timed Finals		
2 Satchell, Marisha	West Los Angeles	26.20
3 Stokes, Danielle	CSUN	26.30
4 Rancharn, Stacey	West Los Angeles	25.90
5 Mayo, Jocelyn	CSUN	26.01
6 Woods, Terrylah	CSUN	26.10
7 Scott, Shellie	Canyons	26.40
8 Rabb-Tatro, Dila	Moorpark College	26.41
9 Brzezinki, Erin	Moorpark College	26.41
Section 3 Timed Finals		
2 Peterson, Stacy	Pipes West	27.00
3 Avery, Rachelle	Moorpark College	26.58
4 Parker, Brandi	San Bernardino Valley	26.50
5 Goff, Stacy	Cal State University	26.50
6 Honna, Yukari	Nippon Sports Science	26.80
7 Ricketts, Brittany	CSUN	27.00
8 Whitakee, K.C.	Trade Tech	27.10
9 Marquez, Stafanie	USC	27.10
Section 4 Timed Finals		
2 Hunt, Karla	Cal State Univer	27.50
3 Stafford, Kelly	Trade Tech	27.30
4 Nobles, Susie	Trade Tech	27.20
5 Bassaloms, Mernell	USC	27.30
6 Bernard, Kareema	Trade Tech	27.40

NBA SCHEDULE

Wednesday 3/26/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Golden State Warriors @ Boston Celtics	none	4 p.m.
Philadelphia 76er's @ Indiana Pacers	none	4 p.m.
Cleveland Cavaliers @ Toronto Raptors	none	4 p.m.
Atlanta Hawks @ Detroit Pistons	none	4:30 p.m.
New York Knicks @ New Jersey Nets	none	4:30 p.m.
Phoenix Suns @ Memphis Grizzlies	none	5 p.m
Miami Heat @ Chicago Bulls	none	5:30 p.m.
Orlando Magic @ New Orleans Hornets	none	6 p.m.
Milwaukee Bucks @ Denver Nuggets	none	6 p.m.
Los Angeles Lakers @ Houston Rockets	**KCAL 9, ESPN**	6 p.m.
Portland Trailblazers @ Utah Jazz	none	6 p.m.
Washington Wizards @ Seattle Supersonics	none	7 p.m.
Dallas Mavericks @ **Los Angeles Clippers**	**Fox Sports Net 2**	7:30 p.m.

Thursday 3/27/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Minnesota Timberwolves @ Orlando Magic	**TNT**	4 p.m.
Houston Rockets @ San Antonio Spurs	**TNT**	6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Clippers @ Sacramento Kings	none	7 p.m.

Friday 3/28/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Chicago Bulls @ Indiana Pacers	none	4 p.m.
Golden State Warriros @ Philadelphia 76er's	none	4 p.m.
New Orleans Hornets @ Toronto Raptors	none	4 p.m.
Cleveland Cavaliers @ Boston Celtics	none	4: 30 p.m.
Phoenix Suns @ Detroit Pistons	**ESPN**	5 p.m.
Minnesota Timberwolves @ Miami Heat	none	5 p.m.
New Jersey Nets @ New York Knicks	none	5 p.m.
Milwaukee Bucks @ Utah Jazz	none	6 p.m.
Memphis Grizzlies @ Seattle Supersonics	none	7 p.m.
Washington Wizards @ **Los Angeles Lakers**	**Fox Sports Net**	7:30 p.m.
Dallas Mavericks @ Portland Trailblazers	**ESPN**	7:30 p.m.

Saturday 3/29/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Philadelphia 76er's @ Atlanta Hawks	none	4 p.m.
Boston Celtics @ Cleveland Cavaliers	none	4:30 p.m.
Golden State Warriros @ New Jersey Nets	none	4:30 p.m.
Sacramento Kings @ Chicago Bulls	**WGN**	5:30 p.m.
Denver Nuggets @ Houston Rockets	none	5:30 p.m.
Utah Jazz @ San Antonio Spurs	none	5:30 p.m.

Sunday 3/30/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Dallas Mavericks @ Minnesota Timberwolves	**ABC**	10:30 a.m.
New York Knicks @ Toronto Raptors	none	10:30 a.m.
Phoenix Suns @ Indiana Pacers	**ESPN**	1 p.m.
Miami Heat @ Milwaukee Bucks	none	1 p.m.
Sacramento Kings @ Detroit Pistons	none	3 p.m.
San Antonio Spurs @ New Orleans Hornetys	none	4 p.m.
Washington Wizards @ Denver Nuggets	none	6 p.m.
Memphis Grizzlies @ **Los Angeles Clippers**	**KTLA 5**	6 p.m.
Los Angeles Lakers @ Seattle Supersonics	**KCAL 9**	6 p.m.

Monday 3/31/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Philadelphia 76er's @ Orlando Magic	none	4 p.m.
Milwaukee Bucks @ Miami Heat	none	4:30 p.m.
Houston Rockets @ New Jersey Nets	none	4:30 p.m.
Memphis Grizzlies @ **Los Angeles Lakers**	**Fox Sports Net**	7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 4/1/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Sacramento Kings @ Indiana Pacers	none	4 p.m.
Detroit Pistons @ Toronto Raptors	none	4 p.m.
Seattle Supersonics @ Chicago Bulls	none	5:30 p.m.
New Orleans Hornets @ Dallas Mavericks	none	5:30 p.m.
Orlando Magic @ San Antonio Spurs	none	5:30 p.m.
Denver Nuggets @ Phoenix Suns	none	6 p.m.
Golden State Warriors @ Portland Trailblazers	none	7 p.m.
Utah Jazz @ **Los Angeles Clippers**	none	7:30 p.m.

Brooklyn Dodger Fan Roots from Beyond the Grave

By Ben Jauron
Editor-in-Chief

My distaff grandfather's family moved from Milano to New York when he was a baby. They lived on Bedford Street in Brooklyn, literally down the block from Ebbets Field. My mother told me he used to listen to the home games on his crystal radio and turn down the volume whenever a Dodger hit a home run so he could listen to the crowd roaring from across the street.

They moved to San Bernardino County in the 1940's. The party line is because the family grew grapes in the old country for centuries, and there wasn't much real estate for the vintner's trade in Flatbush. But I hesitate to believe that unconditionally. Italians leaving New York City at the height of the bad old days is suspect to me.

My grandfather bought vineyards and settled in Rancho Cucamonga. I'm sure he wanted to chew glass when the Dodgers finally beat the hated Yankees to win the series in 1955. But my mother said it was the happiest day of his life when he heard the Dodgers were moving to Los Angeles. He was probably the only Dodger fan who felt that way, but Bedford Street's loss was the Big Bear Winery's gain.

My grandfather died nine months before I was born.

I was just shy of my 10th birthday when I saw Kirk Gibson gimp up to the plate and hobble around the bases when he hit that game-winning home run in game one of the 1988 series. Bobby Thompson can choose either the Brooklyn or Golden Gate bridge to jump off of, it was our turn.

I celebrated along with everyone from the East Side to the West Side and from South Bay to the valley. And there might have been the ghost of an old dago haunting the mini mall in Cucamonga that stands where the Big Bear Winery used to be doing the same thing.

It's time to rejoice. A blue hurricane is coming west from Vero Beach and will soon hit the southland. Wherever my grandfather is — heaven, vintner's Valhalla, a cow in India or my subconscious — he's looking forward to it as much as I am.

We've shivered through the off season and the next year we've waited 'till is finally here. Ogden Nash put my sentiments best in a line from one of his poems.

"Hey Hugie Jennings, hey John McGraw, I've got fire in my eye and tobacco in my jaw."

And this season and every season, the Dodger blue blood I inherited from my grandfather will surge through my veins until October.

Bob Teichmann
an opinion

Weapons of Mass Boredom

America is now involved with an all out invasion of Iraq. Military strategists and planners are hard at work with the game plans for the battlefield. While they're doing that, what are the Monarchs doing? Where is Valley's game plan?

Our baseball team is at the bottom of the barrel, as the old pirate expression goes. What's their record to date? Something like one and one million? I don't know. Hell, I don't think *they* know. What is that thing Conan O'Brien says? "Huh?" I think they say that after each game.

Let's equate the current baseball season at Valley with the situation in Iraq. What if the United States decided to use a strange weapon? They could use the Monarchs baseball team. Think about it. Sadam Hussein would be so afraid of the fact that the United States would send in the Monarchs, he'd complain to the United Nations Security Council that President Bush was threatening to use "weapons of mass boredom."

As you can plainly tell, my opinion of the baseball team here isn't all that high. What do I notice when I go to their games? Fans picking on their own team, a coach cussing at his players, a pitcher kicking over a water cooler when he's removed for horrible pitching… I'm tired of it.

Like that evil doctor said, throw me a frickin' pitch here. I'm the fan, I need a good show. What if the national televised media were to get their hands on this? They'd have a field day.

Just imagine the late evening news shows: "This is Tom Brokaw for NBC Nightly News. We have breaking news tonight out of Los Angeles. Reports are coming in now stating that three million people have died of boredom, caused apparently by the poor play of a junior college baseball team in the San Fernando Valley. We will keep you updated as information becomes available."

That, my friends, is very possible. How pathetic.

On the Mound

Edgar Dela Cueva Makes a Name for Himself

By Alejandro Guzman
Staff Writer

Although the Valley baseball team has had a tough season so far, many of the young players on the team have displayed the talent and commitment necessary to be successful in collegiate baseball. Among those regarded is Edgar Dela Cueva, a 20-year-old closer for the Monarch squad.

Dela Cueva, an East L.A. native, grew up in Van Nuys where he began to play Little League ball at the young age of 5. He then went on to play at Van Nuys High where he played third base before being recognized as a pitcher.

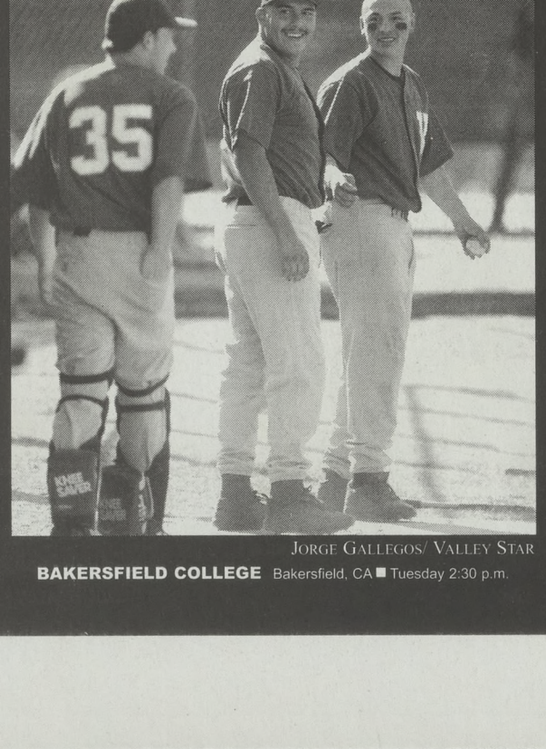
In his free time, he likes to shoot pool and hang out with the guys. He also finds time to spend with his girlfriend despite his demanding baseball schedule.

"I like practice, I love being on the baseball field," he said. "I always look forward to improving my skills."

After playing for Valley, Dela Cueva plans to play baseball at a four year college. "I plan to reach the next level," he said.

Once the season ends he plans to continue working out and prepare himself for next season.

Designating Chipper Jones as his all time favorite ball player, Dela Cueva understands that in order to make it big in baseball one must dedicate long hours of practice and dedication. Despite the Monarchs' losing ways, Dela Cueva shines.



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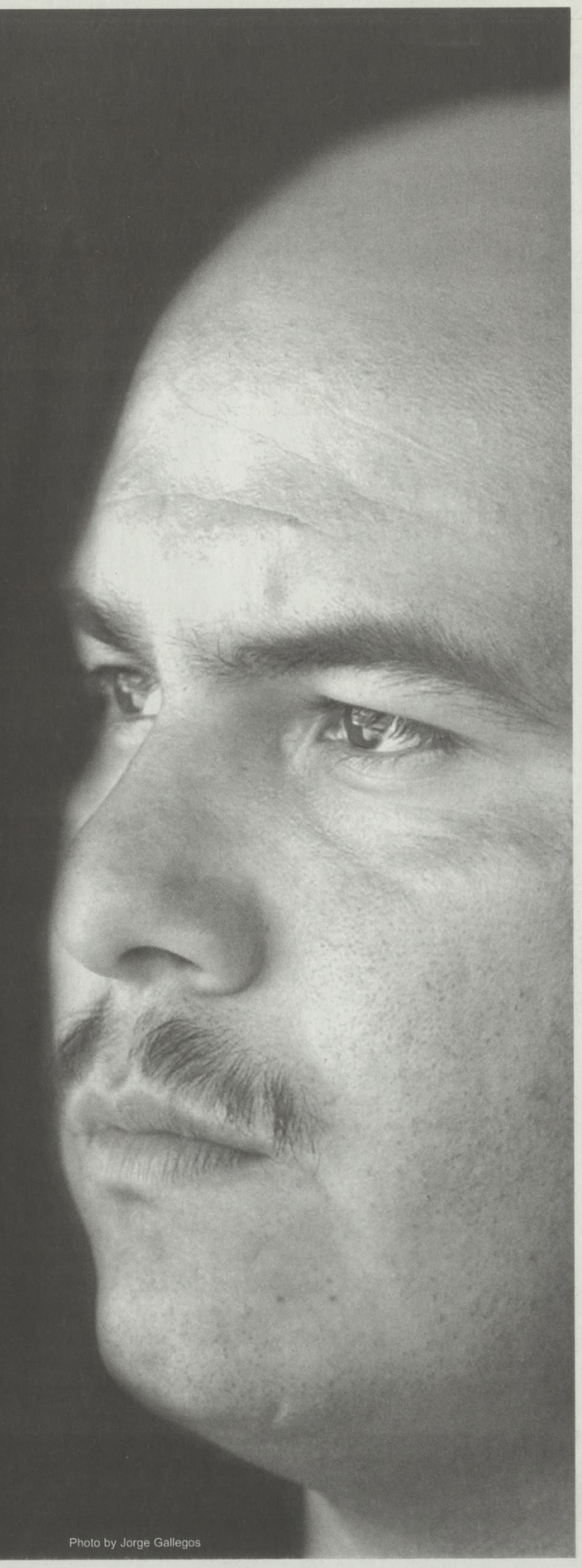

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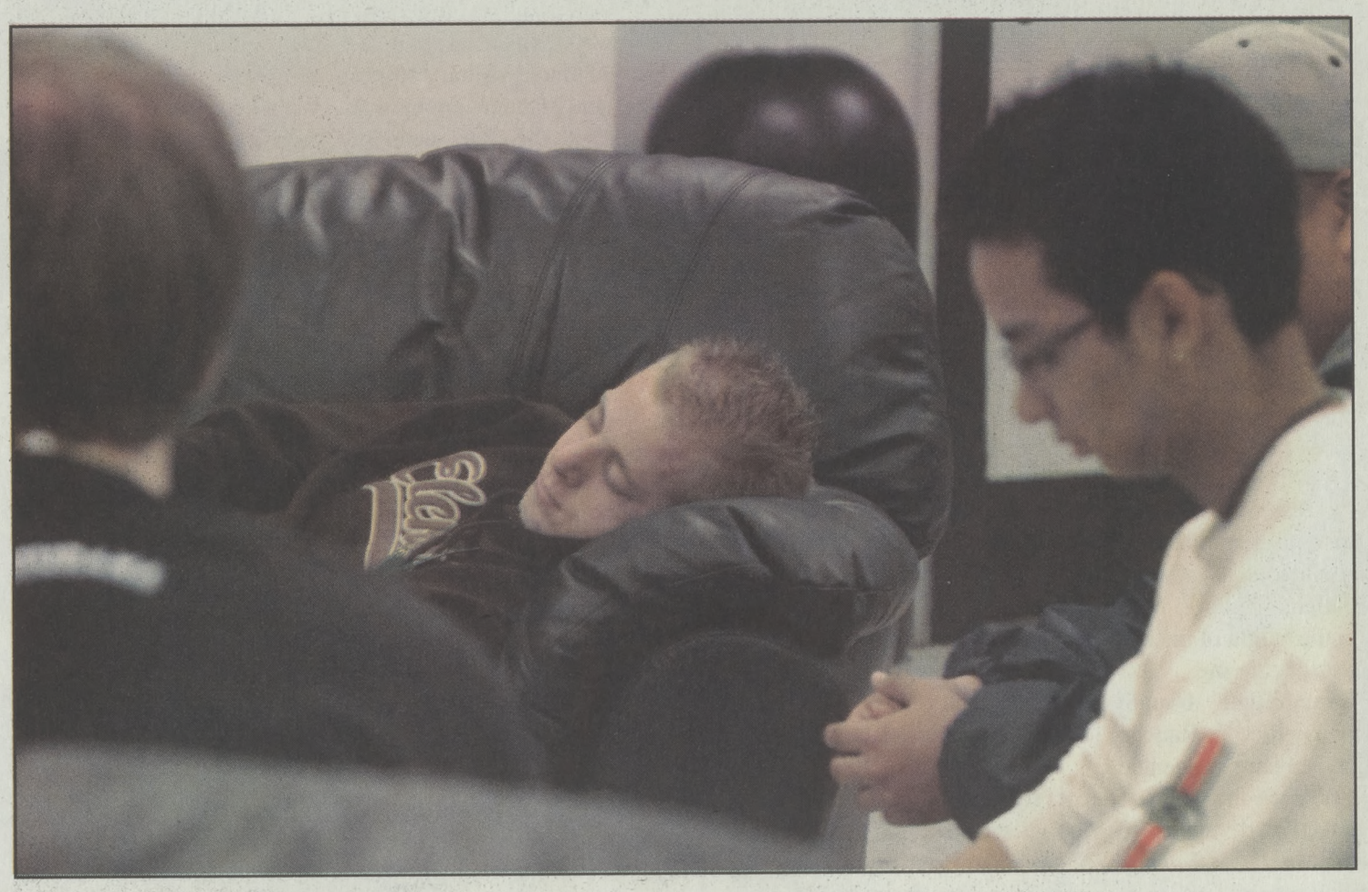
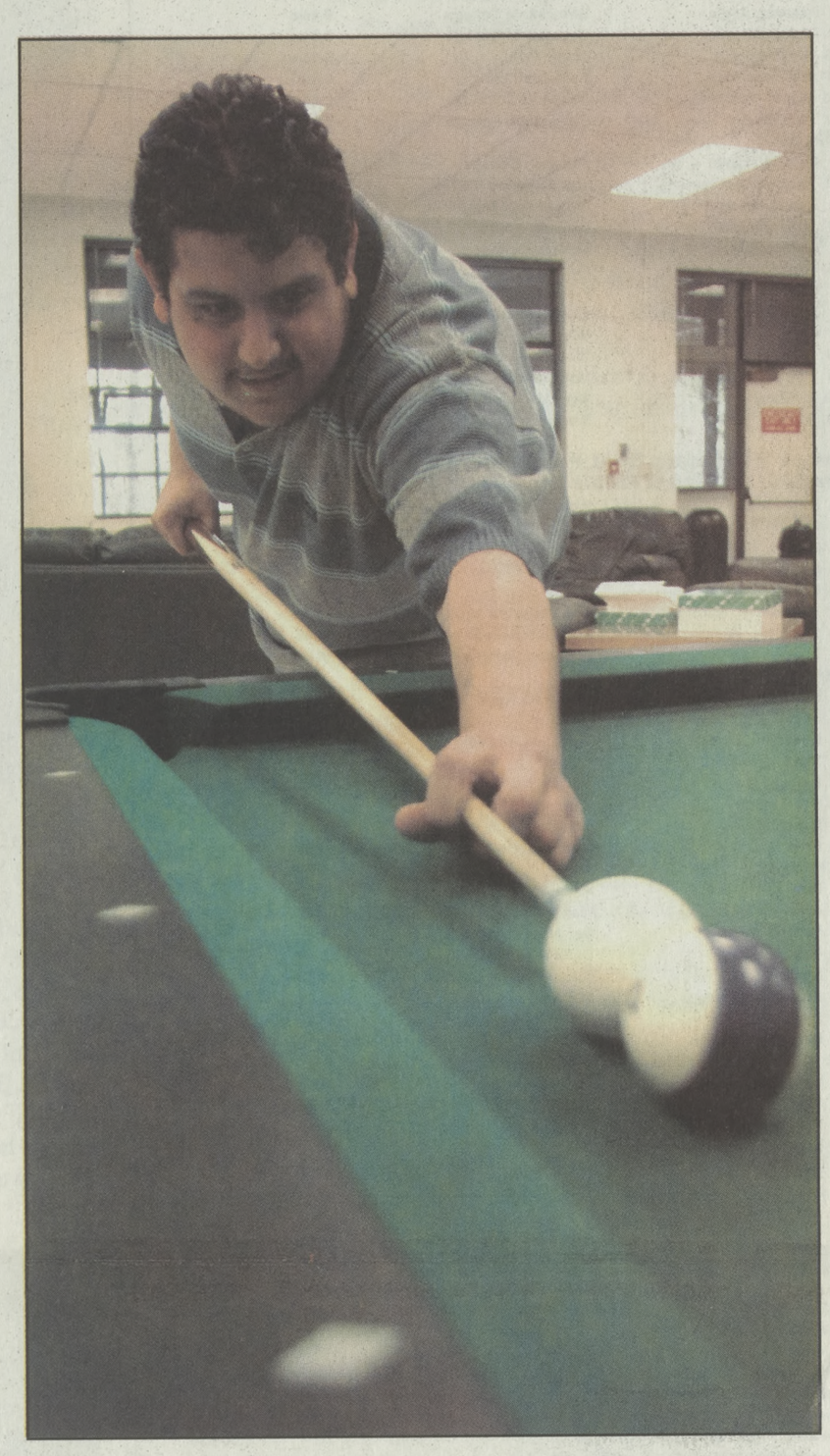
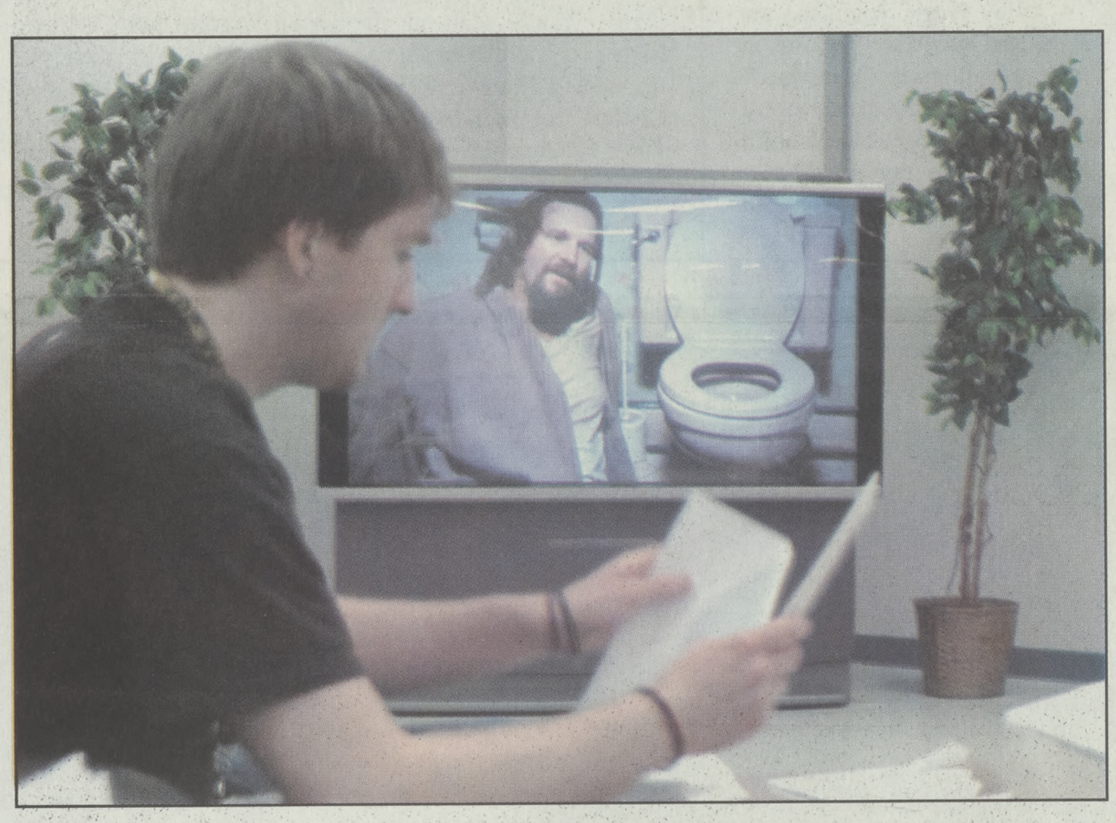
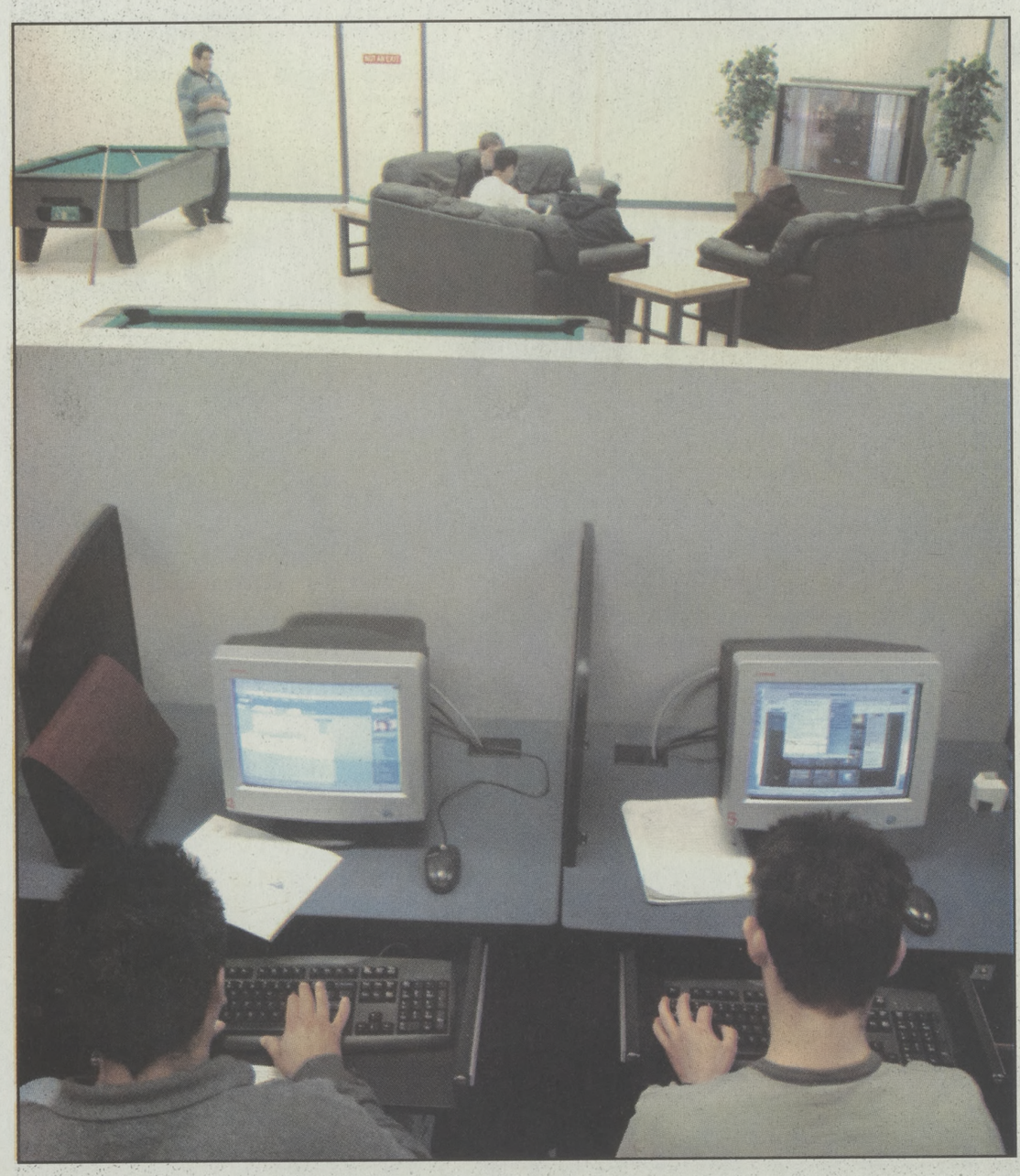
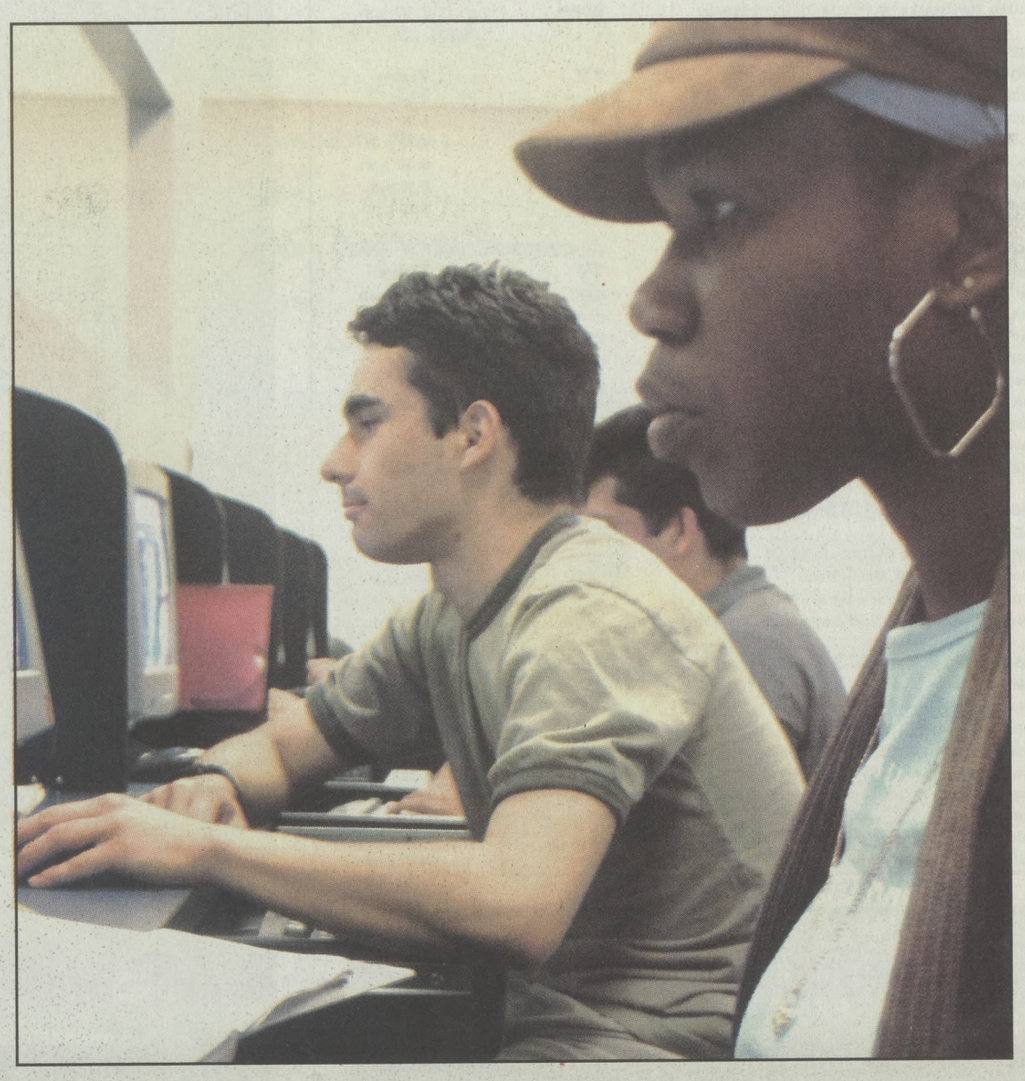
In the Den of the Lion







Valley's latest addition, the Lion's Den, is a fun spot on campus for students to relax and unwind. Adjacent to the cafeteria, it boasts leather couches, billiards, air hockey, a huge television and plenty of internet access. The valley students clockwise from the top are: Justin Tidball, George Girgis, Chikandi Emenike, Haroldo Lurssen, and Josh Ecton.

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